Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South)*: I do not want the names, but only the number.

Mr. President: There would be no objection to incorporating the number in the proceedings.

SAW MILL SECTION—PARTICULARS OF

105. Mr. A. Eachara Menon *(Chittur-Rural)*: Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) what are the implements that our Saw-mill section contains;
(*b*) have they all been contained in the lease to Anamalai Timber Trust;
(*c*) what is the rental paid by the Trust;
(*d*) to what use were they put and how before they were leased out to the Trust;
(*e*) what was the income by such use;
(*f*) what are the causes in the fall of the cost of works done in the workshop;
(*g*) what were the causes of increase in the matter of derailments and accidents;
(*h*) who was responsible for such state of affairs;
(*i*) was any enquiry made and if so with what result?

Mr. T. Narayana Menon *(Conservator of Forests)*:

(*a*) There is no Saw-mill section at present as all the Saw-mill machinery have been sold away.
(*b*) to (*f*) do not arise in view of the answer to (*a*).
(*g*) The assumption is not correct.
(*h*) and (*i*) No answer necessary in view of answer to (*g*).

Mr. A. Eachara Menon *(Chittur-Rural)*: With reference to answer to sub-division (*g*) am I to understand that there is increase in the number of derailments and accidents? The administration report says otherwise. There were 9 derailments as against 5. Is it increasing? There were four accidents against 2. Is it increasing?

Mr. T. Narayana Menon *(Conservator of Forests)*: A better idea of the present position can be had if I furnish statistics of derailments for the last 15 years.—

1102	.. 56 derailments		1107	.. 21 derailments		1112	.. 12 derailments	
1103	.. 30	,,	1108	.. 22	,,	1113	.. 5	,,
1104	.. 38	,,	1109	.. 21	,,	1114	.. 5	,,
1105	.. 32	,,	1110	.. 20	,,	1115	.. 5	,,
1106	.. 50	,,	1111	.. 23	,,	1116	.. 9	,,

So as compared with the previous year though the number may have increased, there is a substantial decrease during recent years as compared with the past.

SWEEPERS AND OTHER MENIAL SERVANTS—APPOINTMET OF—CHALAKKUDI HOSPITAL

106. Mr. C. K. S. Moni *(Nominated)*: Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) the names, communities and native places of persons appointed in the menial service ncluding sweepers in 1116 and 1117 in the Chalakkudi Hospital;
(*b*) how many of them were the servants of Dr. Iype and their names;
(*c*) is it not a fact that one of the servants, namely Ayyappan was called as Ouseph before his appointment;
(*d*) the names of those who have resigned;
(*e*) were there not applicants from Ezhuvas and Pulayas of Chalakkudi for any of these posts?

Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer)*:

(*a*) The list is appended. *(Appendix VI)*.
(*b*) K. K. Ayyappan (No. 7) has worked occasionally in Dr. Iype's garden.
(*c*) No information.
(*d*) A. Velayudhan and C. K. Velayudhan.
(*e*) Yes.

LABOUR UNITS SENT FROM THE STATE—PARTICULARS OF

107. Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi)*: Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) how many labourers were sent from Cochin for Assam Road Construction;

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(*b*) will Government give a short account of the condition of their health and well-being;

(*c*) are these people supplied Malayalam newspapers;

(*d*) are there Reading Rooms provided for groups of these people to spend their leisure hours in the evenings;

(*e*) what is the nature of the food supplied?

Khan Sahib Y. Muhammad Roshan Sahib Bahadur *(Commissioner of Police):*

(*a*) Nine Labour Units have so far left the State for work in North India.

(*b*) The health of the labourers is reported to be very satisfactory. Rao Bahadur M. Narayana Menon, the Assistant Labour Liaison Officer who has visited most of the Units writes that the labourers appear to have put on more weight. They look to him very fit. There have, recently, been attacks of malaria in one Unit.

(*c*) Government have not arranged for the supply of newspapers.

(*d*) No.

(*e*) Par boiled rice, cocoanut oil, tamarind, vegetables and meat are regularly supplied.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi):* Why can't they be given some Malayalam newspapers for spending their leisure time usefully?

Mr. V. J. Mathai *(Planters):* Why they are paid one rupee per day. They can buy it.

PROSECUTIONS FOR SALES OF RICE ABOVE THE NOTIFIED RATE—PARTICULARS OF

108. Mr. B. M. Peter *(Latin-Christians-Mattancheri):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) how many persons were prosecuted in the year 1117 for selling the rice above the fixed rate of Government;

(*b*) what punishments were given to those persons in each case?

Khan Sahib Y. Muhammad Roshan Sahib Bahadur *(Commissioner of Police):*

(*a*) 19.

(*b*) *A list containing the particulars is placed on the Council table.

Mr. B. M. Peter *(Latin-Christians-Mattancheri):* The list shows very light punishments are given.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim *(Cranganur):* Have the Government considered that in the case of these merchants who are making lots and lots of money by lawful and unlawful methods the imposition of a nominal fine of Rs. 200 or 300 cannot be a deterrent punishment?

Khan Sahib Y. Muhammad Roshan Sahib Bahadur *(Commissioner of Police):* Government have no information that merchants are making lots and lots of money by unlawful methods.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim *(Cranganur):* Have not the Government known that some people are breaking the laws. There are various instances where merchants are selling above the schedule rates.

Khan Sahib Y. Muhammad Roshan Sahib Bahadur *(Commissioner of Police):* They will all be punished and they have all been punished.

Mr. M. Sivarama Menon *(Advocate-General):* The punishment is a matter of discretion to the courts. If the court punishes in a particular way you cannot find fault with the court.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim *(Cranganur):* Our complaint is regarding the law itself. The law does not provide apart from the nominal punishment of fine anything of a deterrent punishment. Our complaint is regarding the lightness of the provision in the law itself.

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Trichur-North):* What do you mean by nominal fine?

Mr. M. Sivarama Menon *(Advocate-General):* Up to one thousand rupees they can be fined, and imprison according to seriousness of the offence. There is no minimum punishment prescribed. The court can punish with fine from Re. 1 to 1,000 rupees and with imprisonment also. For the first time, they are let off with a light punishment, as a warning. If it is repeated, they will be more seriously punished.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim *(Cranganur):* Our complaint is that people may make a regular business of light laws. Those who are making Rs. 10,000 and Rs. 12,000 may not mind paying a fine of Rs. 100, and they may go on making large profits unlawfully, ever prepared to pay small fines. Such people must be imprisoned. If there is an alternative of fine alone it should be done away with instantly.

* Appendix VII

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